

[CHAPTER 717]

AN ACT

To provide for an air parcel-post service, and for other purposes.

June 29, 1948
[S. 2281]
[Public Law 819]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the rate of postage on mailable matter exceeding eight ounces in weight, but not weighing more than seventy pounds nor measuring more than one hundred inches in length and girth combined, when carried by air and including other transportation to and from air-mail routes, shall, except as otherwise herein provided, be determined on the basis of the eight postal zones established for fourth-class matter, as follows:

Air parcel-post service.

(1) For delivery within the first or second zones, 55 cents for the first pound, or fraction of a pound in excess of eight ounces, plus 4 cents for each additional pound or fraction thereof.

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(2) For delivery within the third zone, 60 cents for the first pound, or fraction of a pound in excess of eight ounces, plus 8 cents for each additional pound or fraction thereof.

(3) For delivery within the fourth zone, 65 cents for the first pound, or fraction of a pound in excess of eight ounces, plus 14 cents for each additional pound or fraction thereof.

(4) For delivery within the fifth zone, 70 cents for the first pound, or fraction of a pound in excess of eight ounces, plus 24 cents for each additional pound or fraction thereof.

(5) For delivery within the sixth zone, 75 cents for the first pound, or fraction of a pound in excess of eight ounces, plus 33 cents for each additional pound or fraction thereof.

(6) For delivery within the seventh zone, 75 cents for the first pound, or fraction of a pound in excess of eight ounces, plus 45 cents for each additional pound or fraction thereof.

(7) For delivery within the eighth zone, which, with respect to air parcel post, shall include all offices located in continental United States beyond the seventh zone, 80 cents for the first pound or fraction thereof over eight ounces, plus 65 cents for each additional pound or fraction thereof.

(8) For air parcels exchanged between offices in continental United States and offices in Territories and possessions of the United States, in either direction, and between offices within such Territories and possessions, the applicable zone rate shown in paragraphs (1) to (6) of this section shall apply to and including the seventh zone: *Provided*, That for offices falling in the eighth zone the rate of postage for air parcels weighing in excess of eight ounces shall be 80 cents for each pound or fraction thereof.

(9) Mailable matter of light weight in relation to size shall be subject to such surcharge as may be determined by the Postmaster General to be warranted by reason of the extra space and care required in handling and transporting such mail matter.

Surcharge.

(10) The Postmaster General is authorized and directed to make such rules and regulations, not inconsistent with the Civil Aeronautics Act of 1938 (52 Stat. 973), as amended, or any order, rule, or regulation made by the Civil Aeronautics Board thereunder, as may be necessary for the safe and expeditious transportation by air of mail matter weighing in excess of eight ounces.

49 U. S. C. §§ 401-681; Supp. I, § 421 *et seq.*
Ante, pp. 470, 493, 494, 1003; *post*, p. 1216.

(11) The Postmaster General is further authorized and directed for the period of two years, notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs (1) to (9), inclusive, of this section, to adjust from time to time the weight limit, size, rate of postage, zone or zones or conditions, or either, in order to promote the service to the public and assure the receipt of revenue from such service adequate to pay the cost thereof.

Adjustment of postage rates, zones, etc.

Lease of quarters at public airports.

SEC. 2. The Postmaster General is hereby authorized, in the disbursement of the appropriation for domestic air-mail service, to apply a part thereof to the purpose of leasing suitable quarters at public airports for use in the handling and distribution of air mail at a reasonable rental to be paid quarterly or monthly, for a term not exceeding twenty years.

60 Stat. 1062.
39 U. S. C. § 463.
Post, p. 1261.

SEC. 3. Section 1 of the Act of August 14, 1946 (Public Law 730, Seventy-ninth Congress, second session), entitled "An Act to fix the rate of postage on domestic air mail, and for other purposes", is hereby amended to read as follows:

Domestic air mail postage rates.

"The rate of postage on domestic air mail weighing eight ounces or less shall be 5 cents for each ounce or fraction thereof: *Provided*, That the rate of postage on air mail of the first class weighing in excess of eight ounces shall be the rate provided for air parcels but in no case shall be less than 3 cents an ounce or fraction thereof."

Effective date.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect on the first day of the third month following the month of enactment.

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[CHAPTER 718]

AN ACT

June 29, 1948
[S. 2376]
[Public Law 820]

To provide a revolving fund for the purchase of agricultural commodities and raw materials to be processed in occupied areas and sold.

Agricultural commodities.
Revolving fund for purchases by Department of the Army.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, the Secretary of the Army is authorized to issue notes from time to time for purchase by the Secretary of the Treasury, not to exceed in the aggregate outstanding at any time \$150,000,000. Each such note shall bear interest at a rate determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, taking into consideration the current average rate on outstanding marketable obligations of the United States as of the last day of the month preceding the issuance of the note. Payment of the purchase price of such notes and repayments thereof by the Secretary of the Army shall be treated as public-debt transactions of the United States. The proceeds of these notes shall be used by the Secretary of the Army, or his duly authorized representatives, as a revolving fund for the purpose of (a) purchasing natural fibers (including cotton waste) produced in the United States, and such other materials, including starch, dyestuff, roller leather, and card clothing as may be used in processing and finishing such fibers; (b) transporting such fibers and other materials to occupied areas, making them available for processing, and having such fibers processed in such areas; (c) insuring such fibers and materials and the products obtained from such processing; and (d) selling products obtained from such processing. In the case of wool, mohair, or flax fiber, only those types and grades shall be purchased hereunder as the Secretary of Agriculture, in the light of supplies on hand in the United States, designates as available for export; and stocks held by Commodity Credit Corporation of the types and grades so designated shall be purchased before other purchases are made of such types and grades. For the purpose of this Act an occupied area shall be considered as any liberated or occupied area, which is at the time, occupied by United States forces or such an area occupied jointly with another power or powers when it is considered by the Secretary of the Army to be necessary or desirable to include such an area, in order to carry out United States objectives: *Provided*, That a treaty of peace shall not have been ratified and confirmed for such an area.

"Occupied area."

Limitation.