

(b) in the case of a Class C, Class D or Class E licence the Board may, if they think fit, dispense wholly or in part with a provision as to the tariff to be charged;

(c) in the case of a licence of any class the Board shall dispense with a provision as to the tariff to be charged in respect of the carriage of postal packets on behalf of the Postmaster-General within, from or to the British postal area or any British postal agency, or in respect of the carriage of postal packets otherwise than as aforesaid where charges are payable therefor to the Postmaster-General (whether as principal or agent); and for the purpose of this sub-paragraph the expressions "British postal agency", "British postal area" and "postal packet" shall have the same respective meanings as are assigned to them by subsection (1) of section 87 of the Post Office Act, 1953.^a

Appeals to the Minister

14.—(1) The holder of or applicant for the licence and any other party to the case before the Board shall have a right to appeal to the Minister in accordance with the provisions of this Regulation from any decision of the Board with respect to any licence or any application for a licence.

(2) An appeal to the Minister against a decision of the Board shall be made by written notice clearly identifying the case to which it relates and stating concisely the grounds on which the appeal is based.

(3) The notice shall be signed by or on behalf of the appellant and shall be received by the Minister within the period of twenty-one days beginning with the day of the publication of the decision of the Board in their official record.

(4) A copy of the notice of appeal shall be served by the appellant on the Board and on each of the parties to the case before the Board; and for this purpose any person having the right to appeal against a decision of the Board may require them to furnish him with the names and addresses of the other parties to the case before the Board.

(5) The Minister shall serve on the appellant and on each of the parties as aforesaid not less than twenty-one days notice of the date, time and place of the hearing of the appeal, and shall cause not less than seven days notice thereof to be published in the official record of the Board.

(6) The Minister shall appoint a Commissioner to hear each appeal, and the Commissioner shall hold the hearing in public unless he shall otherwise decide in relation to the whole or part of the case.

(7) The appellant and any person who was a party to the case before the Board, or who was heard by the Board in connection with that case, shall have a right to be heard by the Commissioner:

Provided that a party to a case who did not exercise his right to be heard by the Board shall not have a right to be heard by the Commissioner unless he has served on the Minister, the Board and all the other parties to the hearing at least ten days notice of his wish to be heard by the Commissioner, stating concisely his reasons for wishing to be heard, and has obtained the Minister's consent to his being heard.

^a 1 & 2 Eliz, 2, c. 36.