

for a business firm containing an address which is so abbreviated that delivery is likely to be delayed should not be accepted.

17. Telegrams must be read over at the time of presentation, and the sender requested to make doubtful words clear by rewriting them at the foot of the telegram.

18. The sender may order the second transmission of a telegram, if necessary, but must prepay an additional rate. One extra word must be charged for the name of the office of origin, to be inserted in the signature of the redirected message. Such telegrams must bear the instruction "Second rate prepaid."

19. Telegrams enclosed in an envelope bearing the inscription "Telegram for transmission" must be carried by mail contractors free of postage to the nearest telegraph-office.

20. No telegram or communication relating to Customs duties is to be transmitted by any officer, or allowed by him to be transmitted, during any period for which transmission shall be prohibited by the Minister.

21. No telegram in plain language relating to betting or to investments on the totalizator, or in coded language reasonably supposed to relate to betting or to investments on the totalizator, addressed to any person on a racecourse, or addressed to any person who has been convicted in a Court of law under the Gaming Act, 1908, or any amendment thereof, of any offence relating to betting or investments on the totalizator, and no money-order telegram addressed to any such person, is to be accepted. Money-order telegrams addressed to a racing club, or to a secretary, or other officer, agent, or servant of a racing club, relating to investments on a totalizator, whether addressed to a racecourse or elsewhere, must be refused.

22. Any person tendering a telegram of a seditious, libellous, indecent, or offensive nature must be informed that before it can be accepted a copy will have to be telegraphed to the Secretary, and authority obtained for its acceptance.

23. Where a counter clerk has reason to believe that an improper combination is presented as a code-word, the onus of proof must lie with the sender, who should be called upon to produce his code in support of his contention.

24. When the sender is not known, his address must be ascertained and written on the back of the form.

25. Telegrams on which week-day rates only have been paid or are to be collected may not be transmitted on Sundays.

26. After the hour of closing the forwarding station, the reopening fee payable to the forwarding operator is to be retained as a personal payment; if more than one telegram is handed in at the same time by the same person, only one reopening fee is chargeable by the forwarding officer. The special-delivery fee of 1s. is, when payable to the receiving operator, to be affixed in stamps to the "A" form as part of the value of the telegram, and claimed for as carriage paid out. No fee will be paid to transmitting officers.

27. The charge for reopening an office to receive a telegram or bureau communication after hours also includes the fee for delivering the same within the limits of the free delivery.

28. When the use of a wire is granted to a chess club no charge is to be made unless the Department provides accommodation for the players, when 2s. 6d. should be collected for light and fuel. Payment of fees in such cases must be made in advance, and notified to the Chief Accountant. Should no amount be collectible, or a match be abandoned or postponed, the Chief Accountant must be informed. Telegraphists who may be employed are at liberty to accept payment from the club.