

Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, South Carolina, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. Registered parcels for the United States to be forwarded to Seattle are to be enclosed in a separate receptacle from the ordinary parcel-mail. The parcel-mail from Rarotonga to San Francisco is to include all parcels for the United States of America.

631. The route by which parcel-mails are despatched to Cape Town and Durban is to be shown on the parcel-bills as "direct" or "via Melbourne" as the case may be.

632. Postmasters will send parcels for Victoria and South Australia forward on Auckland or Invercargill, as the case may require, when a more expeditious despatch is likely to be secured thereby. The despatch via Wellington is to be utilized in other cases.

633. (a.) When a parcel is presented for despatch to any place outside the Dominion (the Cook Islands and Western Samoa not excepted), the sender must be furnished with the necessary Customs declaration form or forms (P.P. 23), and requested to fill in the information required. The declaration or declarations must then be date-stamped and either securely gummed or pinned to the parcel as indicated in column 7 of the Foreign Parcel-post Table of the Guide. This column also shows the number of identical copies of Customs declarations required for parcels addressed to the different countries. Officers accepting parcels for the United Kingdom are to see that the particulars of the Customs declarations are full and precise, and that in the case of parcels containing articles of different kinds the exact quantity of each kind is stated; also, in the case of parcels containing dutiable articles of British Empire origin, are to direct the attention of the senders to the necessity for enclosing certificates of origin in the relative parcels.

(b.) Should a parcel for transmission to an office outside New Zealand be received from a sub-office without a form of Customs declaration, or without the particulars required in the form, it must not be sent forward until the necessary particulars are obtained.

(c.) A despatch-note (form P.P. 24) in addition to the usual Customs declaration is required for parcels addressed to certain foreign countries. The despatch-note, which is to be filled in by the sender, is to be pinned to the parcel under the string. The information as to the countries concerned is shown in column 7 of the Foreign Parcel-post Table of the Guide. Should a parcel for which a despatch-note is required be received at an office which despatches oversea parcel-mails, without the necessary despatch-note, a despatch-note in respect of the parcel is to be prepared and attached to the parcel by such despatching office concerned.

(d.) The accepting officer must see that a permit to export is presented with the parcel when such is necessary. The words "Permit produced" must be entered in the "Remarks" column of the parcel-bill against the entry after the permit has been exhibited. A permit of the Minister of Internal Affairs must be produced for the despatch beyond the Dominion of any parcel containing a Maori antiquity or the skins or feathers of native birds. In any case of doubt whether an article comes within the definition of a Maori antiquity (see Guide) the matter should be referred to the Secretary for decision, the article in doubt being held meanwhile.

634. When a parcel is presented for despatch to the United Kingdom or Fiji, the sender's attention is to be drawn to the regulations published in the Guide, providing for the abandonment, delivery at an alternative address, or the return, of the parcel.