



# Post Office Act 1953

## 1953 CHAPTER 36

### *Conveyance of mail bags by tramways and public service vehicles*

#### **44 Power to require services by tramways and certain public service vehicles**

- (1) Subject to the provisions of the next following section, the Postmaster-General may by notice in writing require—
  - (a) any tramway undertakers to whom this section applies, in respect of any tramway owned or worked by them ;
  - (b) the British Transport Commission in respect of any services of public service vehicles provided by them;
  - (c) any local authority in Great Britain authorised to run public service vehicles under Part V of the Road Traffic Act, 1930, in respect of services of such vehicles on any route authorised under the said Part V,to perform such reasonable services with regard to the conveyance of mail bags as the Postmaster-General may from time to time direct.
- (2) The remuneration for any services performed in pursuance of this section shall be such as may be from time to time determined by agreement between the Postmaster-General and the person performing the services or, in default of agreement, by the Transport Tribunal.
- (3) In the case of a tramway upon which goods as well as passengers and parcels are carried, the provisions of this Act relating to the conveyance by railway of mail bags and any officers of the Post Office accompanying them shall, subject to the provisions of the next following section, apply in like manner as if the tramway were a railway.
- (4) The tramway undertakers to whom this section applies are undertakers authorised by an enactment passed after the first day of January, eighteen hundred and ninety-three to carry on a tramway undertaking, and undertakers shall be deemed to be so authorised if the construction of the tramway was first authorised or the time for its construction was extended by an enactment passed after the date aforesaid.
- (5) For the purposes of this and the next following section—

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*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).*

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- (a) the expression " tramway " means a tramway authorised by any enactment to be constructed wholly along public roads or streets without any deviation therefrom;
- (b) the expression " enactment" includes any order confirmed by an Act of Parliament and a certificate granted under the Railways Construction Facilities Act, 1864: