



Post Office Act 1953

1953 CHAPTER 36

Conveyance of mail bags by tramways and public service vehicles

45 Additional provisions as to conveyance of mail bags by tramways and public service vehicles

- (1) Where any tramway vehicle or, in Great Britain, any public service vehicle is conveying or intended to convey passengers only and not goods or parcels, nothing in the last foregoing section shall authorise the Postmaster-General to require mail bags to be conveyed therein either—
 - (a) unaccompanied by an officer of the Post Office travelling as a passenger ; or
 - (b) in excess of the maximum weight for the time being fixed for the luggage of ordinary passengers.
- (2) Where any tramway vehicle is conveying or intended to convey parcels only, nothing in the last foregoing section shall authorise the Postmaster-General to require mail bags to be carried therein in excess of such maximum weight as is for the time being fixed for ordinary parcels, or, if that maximum appears to the Postmaster-General to be so low as to exclude him from availing himself of the use of any such vehicle, then as is for the time being fixed by agreement or, in default of agreement, by the Transport Tribunal.
- (3) Where any tramway vehicle or, in Great Britain, any public service vehicle is conveying or intended to convey both parcels and passengers but not goods, nothing in the last foregoing section shall authorise the Postmaster-General to require mail bags to be carried therein in excess of the maximum weight for the time being fixed for ordinary parcels, or for the luggage of ordinary passengers, whichever is the greater.
- (4) Mail bags carried in a tramway vehicle conveying passengers or, in Great Britain, in a public service vehicle shall be so carried as not to inconvenience the passengers, so, however, that the custody of the mail bags by any officer of the Post Office accompanying them shall not be interfered with.
- (5) Nothing in this section shall be taken as prejudicing the operation of section two of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act (Northern Ireland), 1930 (which relates to the conveyance of mails by public service vehicles in Northern Ireland).