



# Stamp Duties Management Act 1891

## 1891 CHAPTER 38

### *Sale of Stamps*

#### **3 Power to grant licences to deal in stamps**

- (1) The Commissioners may, in their discretion, grant a licence to any person to deal in stamps at any place to be named in the licence.
- (2) The licence shall specify the full name and place of abode of the person to whom the same is granted, and a description of every house, shop, or place, in or at which he is authorised to deal in stamps.
- (3) Every person to whom a licence is granted shall give security in the sum of one hundred pounds in such manner and form as the Commissioners shall prescribe, and, if by bond, the bond shall be exempt from stamp duty.
- (4) One licence and one bond only shall be required for any number of persons in partnership, and the licence may at any time be revoked by the Commissioners.
- (5) Every person licensed to deal in stamps shall cause to be visibly and legibly painted and shall keep so painted in letters of not less than one inch in length on some conspicuous place on the outside of the front of every house, shop, or place in or at which he is licensed to deal in stamps, his full name, together with the words "Licensed to sell stamps," and for every neglect or omission so to do shall incur a fine of ten pounds.

#### **4 Penalty for unauthorised dealing in stamps, &c**

- (1) If any person who is not duly appointed to sell and distribute stamps deals in any manner in stamps, without being licensed so to do, or at any house, shop, or place not specified in his licence he shall for every such offence incur a fine of twenty pounds.
- (2) If any person who is not duly appointed to sell and distribute stamps, or duly licensed to deal in stamps, has, or puts upon his premises either in the inside or on the outside thereof, or upon any board or any material whatever exposed to public view, and whether the same be affixed to his premises or not, any letters importing or intending

to import that he deals in stamps, or is licensed so to do, he shall incur a fine of ten pounds.

## **5 Provisions as to determination of a licence**

- (1) If the licence of any person to deal in stamps expires or is revoked, or if any person licensed to deal in stamps dies or becomes bankrupt, and any such person at the expiration or revocation of his licence, or at the time of his death or bankruptcy, has in his possession any stamps, such person, or his executor or administrator, or the receiver or trustee or official assignee under his bankruptcy, may, within six months after the expiration or revocation of the licence, or after the death or bankruptcy, as the case may be, bring or send the stamps to the chief office or to one of the head offices.
- (2) The Commissioners may in any such case pay to the person bringing or sending stamps the amount of the duty thereon, deducting therefrom the proper discount, if proof to their satisfaction is furnished that the same were actually in the possession of the person, whose licence has expired or been revoked, or so dying or becoming bankrupt, for the purpose of sale, at the time of the expiration or revocation of the licence, or of his death or bankruptcy, and that the stamps were purchased or procured by that person at the chief office or at one of the head offices, or from some person duly appointed to sell and distribute stamps, or duly licensed to deal in stamps.

## **6 Penalty for hawking stamps**

- (1) If any person, whether licensed to deal in stamps or not, hawks or carries about for sale or exchange, any stamps, he shall in addition to any other fine or penalty to which he may be liable incur a fine of twenty pounds.
- (2) In default of payment of the fine, on summary conviction the offender shall be imprisoned for any term not exceeding two months.
- (3) All stamps which are found in the possession of the offender shall be forfeited, and shall be delivered to the Commissioners, to be disposed of as they think fit.
- (4) Any person may arrest a person found committing an offence against this section, and take him before a justice having jurisdiction where the offence is committed, who shall hear and determine the matter.

## **7 Postage stamps**

Notwithstanding anything in this Act contained, it shall be lawful for any person in the service or employment of the Post Office, without any other licence or authority than this Act to sell postage stamps at any place, and in any manner.

## **8 Discount**

Upon the sale of stamps such discount shall be allowed to the purchasers thereof as the Treasury direct.