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and
IRELAND**

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INTERNATIONAL EXPRESS MAIL AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE POSTAL ADMINISTRATION OF IRELAND AND THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

Preamble

The undersigned, by virtue of the authority vested in them,
have concluded the following Agreement.

Article 1 Purpose of the Agreement

This Agreement shall govern the exchange of International
Express Mail between Ireland and the United States of America,
including any areas for which the postal administrations of
these countries exercise International Express Mail
responsibilities.

Article 2 Definitions

As used herein the following terms shall have the indicated
meanings:

1. Administration - an abbreviated form used to refer to
one of the postal administrations signatory to this Agreement;
2. Articles and sections - articles and sections of this
Agreement, except when the context indicates an article which
is or can be inserted into an item;
3. Convention - the Universal Postal Convention² adopted by
the Congress of the Universal Postal Union from time to time;
4. Detailed Regulations of the Convention - the Detailed
Regulations of the Universal Postal Convention enacted by the
Congress of the Universal Postal Union from time to time;

¹ Came into force on 19 May 1984, the date mutually agreed upon by the postal administration of both countries, in
accordance with article 24 (1).

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1239, p. 55.

5. International Express Mail service - the service established by this Agreement;

6. Scheduled service - an International Express Mail service option which allows a sender to enter into a contractual arrangement to mail items on a designated schedule to designated addressees;

7. On-demand service - an International Express Mail service option which allows a sender to mail an item on a non-contractual basis and without any requirements for scheduling or prior designation of addressee.

Article 3 Scheduled Service

1. Each administration shall offer scheduled service on a contractual basis to customers who agree to use the service on a designated schedule to send items to designated addressees.

2. Each administration shall provide the other administration with a schedule of approximate delivery times to each city or other location to which scheduled service is available, based upon the time schedules of the international flights used to carry scheduled items.

3. For each scheduled service contract, the administration of origin shall provide the administration of destination with the following information at least ten days prior to commencing service pursuant to such contract:

- (i) The identification number of the customer contract, which number shall be indicated on each item sent;
- (ii) the names and addresses of the sender and designated addressee;
- (iii) the days of the week designated by the customer as scheduled dispatch days;

(iv) the time of day delivery is requested;
and

(v) the airline and flight number to be used.

4. The administration of origin shall notify the administration of destination of any changes in the information referred to in Section 3 of this Article.

Article 4 On-Demand Service

1. Each administration may offer on-demand service which shall be available to customers on a non-scheduled basis.

2. Each administration shall provide the other administration with a list of the cities and other locations to which on-demand service is available.

3. Each administration shall provide the other administration with a schedule of approximate delivery times to each city or other location to which on-demand service is available, based upon the time schedules of the international flights used to carry on-demand items.

4. Each administration shall inform the other administration of all identification marks or numbers which it uses for each on-demand item.

5. The administration of origin is not required to provide the administration of destination with notice prior to sending an on-demand item.

Article 5 Charges to be Collected From the Sender

Each administration shall fix the charges to be collected from its senders for sending items in the service.

Article 6 Charges and Fees to be Collected From the Addressee

Each administration shall be authorized to collect from the addressee the customs duty and other applicable non-postal fees, if any, payable on each item it delivers and a charge for the collection of such fees.

Article 7 Conditions of Acceptance

Provided that the contents do not come within the prohibitions listed in Article 8, each item to be admitted into the International Express Mail service shall:

- (a) be packed in a manner adapted to the nature of the contents and the conditions of transport;
- (b) bear the names and addresses of the addressee and of the sender; and
- (c) satisfy the conditions of weight and size fixed by Article 9.

Article 8 Prohibitions

1. The provisions of the Convention governing prohibitions shall be applicable to the insertion of articles in International Express Mail items.

2. Each administration shall communicate to the other the necessary information concerning customs or other regulations, as well as the prohibitions or restrictions governing entry of postal items in its service.

Article 9 Limits of Size and Weight

An item of International Express Mail:

- (a) shall not exceed 900 millimeters for any one dimension nor 2 meters for the sum of the length and