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INCREASE IN POSTAL RATES

The Royal Gibraltar Post Office wishes to inform the public that new postage rates will come into effect on Friday 15 August 2008.

The principal changes to postal rates are as follows:-

	<u>Present Rate</u>	<u>New Rate</u>
Standard local letter	8p	10p
Air Mail to UK	40p	42p
Air Mail to Europe and Morocco	42p	44p
Air Mail to Countries outside Europe	49p	51p
Registration fee	£1.60	£2.00
Express fee	£1.80	£2.00

Advantage is being taken of these changes in rates to rationalise the two existing air mail rates for Countries outside Europe (other than Morocco) into a single rate.

Postal rates have remained unchanged since September 2006. The new rates reflect the increases in operational costs and global transport that have occurred since then. They also serve to align Gibraltar postal rates more closely with those that apply elsewhere. This is particularly important for air mail letters to countries that operate both a First Class and Second Class service such as the UK. If the Gibraltar postal rate is too low, by comparison with the internal postal rates of such countries, there is a risk that Gibraltar letters will be treated as second class instead of first class letters, which is what they are. This would cause unnecessary delays in letters posted in Gibraltar getting to their intended recipients.

Undenominated postage stamps may be used to prepay letters at the new rates without the need for any additional postage. For example, a "G" stamp will, as from 15 August 2008, cover the cost of postage of a local letter at the 10p rate, a "UK" stamp will cover the cost of postage to UK at 42p; and so on for all other undenominated postage stamps.

Detailed information on all Gibraltar postal rates and RGPO services may be downloaded from the Gibraltar Government website at www.gibraltar.gov.gi. In addition, pamphlets setting out the new rates may be collected from all Post Offices as from 15 August 2008.