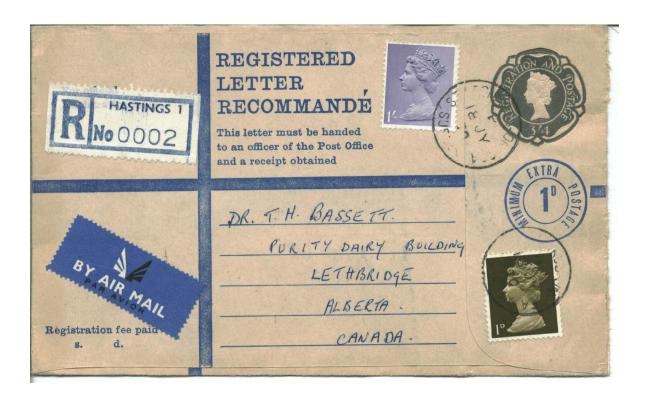
## Great Britain: Decimal Registered Air Mail Letter Rates to Zone B 1971 February 15<sup>th</sup> to 1991 September 15th

The exhibit starts when Great Britain introduced decimal currency on 1971 February 15<sup>th</sup>. From 1947 January 17<sup>th</sup> until 1991 September 15<sup>th</sup>, the British Post Office used three zones for air mail rates to destinations outside the United Kingdom and Europe: Zone A (North Africa, and the Middle East), Zone B (the Americas, Central and Southern Africa, and South East Asia), and Zone C (Australasia and the Far East). With rate increases of 1991 September 16<sup>th</sup>, Zones A and B were formally amalgamated into a new Zone 1. In the 20 years and 7 months between the introduction of decimal currency and the amalgamation of Zone B with Zone A, there were 17 sets of rates for registered air mail letters to Zone B.

With decimalization, £1 (= 20 shillings (s) = 240 pence (d)) became 100 new pence (p). Thus, a shilling became 5p. The Zone B Air Letter Rate and Foreign Registration Fee did not increase with decimalization. The air mail postage rate to Zone B became  $7\frac{1}{2}$  p per  $\frac{1}{2}$  ounce. The registration rate became 15 p.

## Pre-Decimal Rates From 1966 October 03

1/6 Postage per ½ oz plus 3/- Registration



Rate:	Postage	1/6	Paid:	Stationery	3/5
	Registration	<u>3/-</u>		Stamps	<u>1/1</u>
	Total	4/6			4/6