## Great Britain: Decimal Registered Air Mail Letter Rates to Zone B 1971 February $15^{\text {th }}$ to 1991 September 15th

The exhibit starts when Great Britain introduced decimal currency on 1971 February $15^{\text {th }}$. From 1947 January $17^{\text {th }}$ until 1991 September $15^{\text {th }}$, 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 $16^{\text {th }}$, 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 $71 / 2$ p per $1 / 2$ ounce. The registration rate became 15 p .

Pre-Decimal Rates From 1966 October 03
$1 / 6$ Postage per $1 / 2$ oz plus 3/- Registration


