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## CHAPTER 301

## MAIL SERVICE

**An Act to provide for the performance of the mail service between the United Kingdom and the Port of Nassau, in the island of New Providence, and elsewhere.**

*[Commencement 19th April, 1873]*

- 16 of 1873  
19 of 1914  
18 of 1930  
G.N. 7(25) of  
1964  
43 of 1964  
E.L.A.O., 1974*
1. This Act may be cited as the Mail Service Act. *Short title.*
  2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires, “Minister” means the Minister responsible for Inter-Island Passenger Freight and Mail Service. *Interpretation.  
E.L.A.O., 1974.*
  3. It shall be lawful for the Minister, from time to time as it may be necessary, to cause a contract or contracts to be entered into with such good and substantial person or persons, and for and upon such terms and conditions as shall be approved by the Minister, for a mail service between the United Kingdom and Nassau, by the way of the port of New York, in the United States of America, if a suitable contract can be made; or, failing that, by the way of some other and nearer port in the United States, and either with or without communication with or conveyance of mails between any port out of the said United States, in and by such good, substantial and sufficient steam vessel or vessels as may be approved of for the purposes. *Provisions for the conveyance of mails by steamer under contract.  
E.L.A.O., 1974.*
  4. In any contract entered into under this Act the conveyance of passengers to and from Nassau and from and to all other ports from which the contract vessels shall take their departure, or to which they shall proceed shall be provided for: *Passengers and freight provided for.  
19 of 1914, s. 2.*
- Provided that it shall be lawful for the Minister if he shall think fit so to do — *E.L.A.O., 1974.*
- (a) to make provision in any contracts entered into under this Act for regulating the rates of freight, and generally controlling the same;
  - (b) to make any separate contracts for the conveyance of cargo and regulating and controlling the rates of freight thereon.

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Temporary  
arrangements  
may be made.  
*19 of 1914, s. 2.;*  
*E.L.A.O., 1974.*

**5.** (1) Until a contract is entered into under this Act it shall be lawful for the Minister to make temporary arrangements for the conveyance of mails and passengers and cargo between a port in the United States of America and the Port of Nassau.

(2) The Minister may make any contract or contracts, permanent or temporary, dealing with the conveyance of mails and passengers and cargo collectively or with any of the same separately.

Expenses.  
*E.L.A.O., 1974.*

**6.** The expenses attending the carrying into execution of this Act shall be paid out of the Consolidated Fund, by warrant of the Minister of Finance.