



# Lancaster Parcel Services

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## WEIGHTS & VOLUME

### Weights

All consignments travelling through the APC network will be charged by weight or in certain circumstances by volume.

Under weights and measures legislation anyone selling and charging by weight must have accredited scales for the purpose of weighing goods to determine the correct charging weight. It is the responsibility of the sender and all depots to ensure that packages are charged at the correct weight and that the correct weight is shown on the APC bar-coded routing label and relevant manifest.

This is especially important with regard to the truning operation as all trunks are loaded to the weight as declared on manifests. Under declared weights could result in trunk operators being prosecuted for being overweight on their vehicles.

Any consignment found to be under declared by weight on check weighing at the hub will be corrected on the system and a charge of £8.00 will be raised against the sending depot and passed on to the sender, this will be in addition to the excess weight charge.

### Volumetric charging

International consignments including Northern Ireland

Volumetric weight is applied to all International consignments by the Air Operators if the volumed weight exceeds the actual weight, there are no exceptions to this rule, therefore all international consignments will be checked at the hub and the appropriate weight, actual/volume will be applied.

The following formula must be used for all volumetric charging for international and Northern Ireland consignments.

$$\frac{\text{Height (cms)} \times \text{Length (cms)} \times \text{Breadth (cms)}}{4000}$$

When considering whether a consignment should be volumised for Domestic coverage for the rest of the UK the easiest basic method to use is that for each cubic foot/30cm<sup>3</sup> of a parcel the weight should equate to approximately 4.5 kilos.

Therefore, if you have a large lightweight box this should be cubed at the sending depot prior to despatch.

The following formula must be used for all volumetric charging for domestic consignments.

$$\frac{\text{Height (cms)} \times \text{Length (cms)} \times \text{Breadth (cms)}}{6000}$$

Any consignment found to be under-declared by volume when checked at the hub will be corrected on the system and a charge of £8.00 will be raised against the sending depot and passed on to the sender, this will be in addition to the excess weight charge.

Source: APC Operations Procedures Manual, section 18 pages 1 and 2 weights and volumes.