Industry Year Stamps Issue 14 January 1986

Industry Year 1986, initiated by the RSA (The Royal Society for the encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce) aims to increase understanding of the role of industry and its service to the community. The Industry Year stamps highlight four areas where industry produces goods and provides services, and by these activities also provides the money (through payment of rates and taxes) which pays for the education and social services on which we rely as individuals and communities. The stamps illustrate the importance of industry to every one of us, whether we work in it or not, no matter what our age or occupation.

The subjects and denominations are as follows:

17p Energy

22p Health

31p Everyday Life

34p Food

First Day Cover Services

The following services for First Day Covers will be provided. Two pictorial handstamps will be available, 'Birmingham' and 'British Philatelic Bureau, Edinburgh.'

SERVICE A

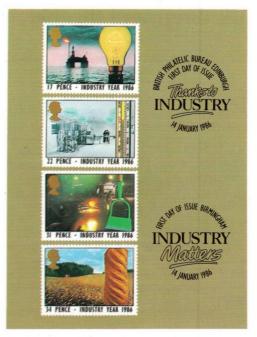
This service consists of the official first day cover — price 15p — addressed to the correct postal address of the destination required and bearing all four stamps. The cover will be cancelled 'Birmingham' or 'British Philatelic Bureau, Edinburgh' as requested and despatched.

SERVICE B

Customers' own pre-addressed covers bearing the correct postal address, will be given the stamps, cancelled as requested and despatched. The following charges will apply:

	Inland	Overseas
Service 'A'	£1.49	£1.30
Deposit Account Customers	£1.43	£1.25
Service 'R'	£1 34	£1 17

First day of issue facilities will be available at offices with philatelic posting boxes. Application forms available from the British Philatelic Bureau, Edinburgh, and at Head Post Offices should be returned not later than 6 January 1986.



Technical Details

Designed by Keith Bassford, with photography by Chris Morris, the stamps have been printed offset litho by The House of Questa. The format is horizontal measuring 41 mm x 30 mm with 15 x 14 perforations on unwatermarked, phosphor coated paper. There are 100 stamps per sheet and the adhesive is PVA Dextrin.

Reposting Facilities

Those customers who wish to send their own stamped and fully addressed covers for cancellation with the Birmingham postmark, should enclose them in an outer envelope, fully addressed and stamped, and send them to:— Special Postmark Duty, Letters Branch, Head Post Office, Royal Mail Street, BIRMINGHAM, BI 1AA.

Postcards

Postcard size reproductions of each of the four stamps will be available from 31 December 1985, price 14p each.

Presentation Pack

A presentation pack, number 168, and the first day cover are designed by Keith Bassford and illustrated by John Thirsk. The pack will cost £1.25.

Sovenir Covers

A souvenir cover, price 15p, also designed by Keith Bassford and illustrated by John Thirsk, will go on sale at philatelic counters from 15 January 1986.

