

ARTICLE 53

Enquiries

1.—For an enquiry in respect of any postal packet a fixed fee not exceeding 50 centimes may be charged.

This fee is charged for each packet, even if the enquiry concerns several packets posted at the same time by the same sender to the same addressee.

As regards registered articles, no fee is charged if the sender has already paid the special fee for an advice of delivery.

2.—An application is only entertained if made within a year, counting from the day following the posting of the article.

Every Administration is bound, however, to furnish information, if requested by another Administration, after this lapse of time, concerning packets despatched within two years.

3.—Every Administration is obliged to accept enquiries concerning articles posted on the territory of other Administrations.

4.—When an enquiry has arisen through a service error, the enquiry fee is repaid.

CHAPTER II

Registered Articles

ARTICLE 54

Charges

1.—The articles specified in Article 33 may be registered.

2.—The charge on every registered article must be paid in advance.

It is made up of:

(a) the postage ordinarily prepayable on the packet according to its class;

(b) a fixed registration fee of 40 centimes at most.

The registration fee on the reply half of a reply-paid post-card can only be validly prepaid by the sender of this half.

3.—A receipt must be issued free of charge to the sender of a registered article at the time of posting.

4.—Countries prepared to undertake risks arising from causes beyond control are authorised to collect a special charge of 40 centimes at most for each registered article.

5.—Unpaid or insufficiently prepaid registered articles which have been incorrectly forwarded to the country of destination are liable to a charge, to be paid by the addressee, equal in amount to the deficient postage.

ARTICLE 55

Advice of Delivery

The sender of a registered article may request an advice of delivery by paying, at the time of posting, a fixed fee of 40 centimes at most.

An advice of delivery may be applied for after the posting of the article within the period and on payment of the fee prescribed for enquiries by Article 53.