

5. Small packets, newspapers or packets of newspapers and periodicals sent in virtue of the Agreement concerning subscriptions to newspapers and periodicals, as well as insured boxes despatched under the Agreement concerning insured letters and boxes, are considered as "other articles" as regards transit.

6. Mis-sent mails are regarded, in respect of the payment of transit charges, as if they had followed their normal route.

ARTICLE 68.

Exemption from Transit Charges.

The correspondence exempt from postage mentioned in Article 52, reply post-cards returned to the country of origin, redirected articles, undelivered articles, advices of delivery, postal money orders, and all other documents relative to the postal service, *e.g.*, communications concerning the postal cheque service, are exempt from all charges for land or sea transit.

ARTICLE 69.

Extraordinary Services.

The transit rates specified in Article 67 do not apply to conveyance by means of extraordinary services specially established or maintained by one Administration at the request of one or more other Administrations. The conditions of this class of conveyance are regulated by mutual consent between the Administrations concerned.

ARTICLE 70.

Payment and Accounting.

1. The transit charges are borne by the Administration of the country of origin.

2. The general accounting for these charges is based on data obtained from statistics taken once every three years, during a period of 14 days. This period is extended to 28 days for mails exchanged less than six times a week by the services maintained by any one country. The Detailed Regulations fix the period of the statistics and the duration of their application.

3. When the annual balance between two Administrations does not exceed 25 francs, the debtor Administration is exempt from all payment.

4. Every administration is authorised to submit for the consideration of a Commission of arbitrators the results of statistics which, in its opinion, differ too much from reality. The arrangements for arbitration are as laid down in Article 12.

5. The arbitrators are empowered to fix in a fair and reasonable manner the transit charges proper to be paid.

ARTICLE 71.

Exchange of Closed Mails with Ships of War.

1. Closed mails may be exchanged between the post offices of any one of the contracting countries and the commanding officers of naval divisions or ships of war of the same country stationed abroad, or between the commanding officer of one of those naval divisions or one of those ships of war and the commanding officer of another division or of another ship of the same country, through the medium of the land or sea services maintained by other countries.