

dispatch this correspondence by air when the amount prepaid represents at least 25 per cent of the said surcharge.

The lack or insufficiency of ordinary postage and of surcharge shall be liable to the payment of the fine prescribed.

X

Freedom from Postage

The free conveyance granted by transportation concerns to official correspondence shall be uniform for all Administrations; the latter shall consequently not impose any charge on correspondence exempted from postage in virtue of the franking privilege extended by the transportation concerns on the basis of existing contracts.

The aforesaid privileges shall always be granted in all cases where the contracts entered into by the respective countries permit it.

XI

Preferential Treatment in Case of Unforeseen Circumstances

International air mail is entitled to preferential treatment during conveyance and delivery in the country of destination in cases where, due to unforeseen circumstances or circumstances beyond control, it cannot be conveyed in the said country by the aircraft on which it normally would be carried.

XII

Customs Clearance

International dispatches carried by air shall enjoy preferential treatment in regard to Customs clearance and other formalities relating to importation and exportation to be complied with in the exchange offices.

XIII

Delivery of Air Mail

Air mail shall be delivered to the addressees with promptitude and shall be included in the first delivery which follows its arrival at the office of delivery.

XIV

Acknowledgment of Receipt

1. Registered air mail for which an acknowledgment of receipt has been requested at the time of mailing shall bear on the address side, plainly visible, the words "ACUSE DE RECIBO" (Acknowledgment of Receipt) or shall be stamped with the letters "A.R." The sender shall indicate on the outside his name and address, in Latin letters.

2. This correspondence shall be accompanied by the form A.R., which shall be securely attached to the outside of the article. If such form does not arrive at the office of destination, the latter shall issue a new acknowledgment of receipt. The weight of the form may be taken into account in the calculation of the air mail surcharge.

3. The acknowledgment of receipt to the sender of the air mail referred to shall be sent by air, and the Administrations are entitled to collect from the sender a small additional surcharge, which they may retain.