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AGREEMENT RELATIVE TO PARCEL POST

concluded between

Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Chile, Ecuador, El Salvador, Spain, the United States of America, the United States of Venezuela, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and the Dominican Republic.

The undersigned, Plenipotentiaries of the Governments of the countries mentioned, in the exercise of the option conferred by the Convention of the Universal Postal Union* agree, *ad referendum*, to execute the parcel post service in accordance with the following provisions:

ARTICLE 1

Object of the Agreement

1. Under the denomination of "parcel post" (*Encomienda postal*, *Paquete postal* or *Bulto postal*) the countries mentioned may exchange this class of mail matter.

2. Parcels may be sent registered by paying the registration fee in effect in the country of origin, in addition to the postage.

3. Parcels may be sent insured or collect-on-delivery, when the adhering countries agree to adopt these types of service in their reciprocal relations. The dispatch of such parcels in containers in good condition, properly fastened, will be obligatory.

ARTICLE 2

Transit

1. Liberty of transit is guaranteed over the territory of every one of the contracting countries. Consequently, the various Administrations may use the intermediary of one or more countries for the reciprocal exchange of parcels.

2. Parcels will be sent in closed mails, or in open mail when the Administrations concerned have so agreed, and shall be forwarded by the most rapid land and sea routes which are utilized for their own mails by the countries participating in the transportation.

3. The dispatching Administrations will be obliged to send a copy of the parcel bills C.P. 12 or another similar bill, to each of the intermediary Administrations when the dispatches are sent in closed mail transit.

ARTICLE 3

Weight and dimensions

The maximum weight and dimensions will be those fixed by the Agreement of the Universal Postal Convention. However, the contracting Administrations may, after obtaining consent of the intermediary countries, accept parcels with other limits of dimensions.

ARTICLE 4

Postage rates and payments

1. The postage on parcels exchanged under this Agreement is composed only of the sum of the territorial rates of origin, transit and destination. If necessary, the maritime rates provided for by the Parcel Post Agreement of the Universal Postal Union in force will be added.

*For the text of the *Universal Postal Convention* signed at Buenos Aires, May 23, 1930, see *Canada Treaty Series* 1940, No. 7.