

4.—In the absence of any other arrangement, the direct sea conveyance between two countries by means of vessels maintained by one of them is considered as a third service, as well as conveyance between two offices of the same country, by means of services maintained by another country.

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 76

Exemption from Transit Charges

The correspondence exempt from postage mentioned in Article 49, 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 77

Extraordinary Services

The transit rates specified in Article 75 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 78

Payment and Accounting

1.—The cost of transit is borne by the Administration of the country of origin.

2.—The general accounting for these expenses is based on data obtained from statistics taken once in 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.—Every Administration is authorised to submit for the consideration of a Committee 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 11.

The arbitrators are empowered to fix the transit charges proper to be paid.

ARTICLE 79

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.