

DETAILED REGULATIONS FOR THE EXECUTION OF THE UNIVERSAL POSTAL CONVENTION

The undersigned, having regard to Article 5 of the Universal Postal Convention concluded at Paris on the 5th of July, 1947, have, in the name of their respective Administrations, settled by mutual consent the following measures for ensuring the execution of the said Convention.

PART I.

GENERAL PROVISIONS.

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ARTICLE 101.

Transit in Closed Mails and à découvert.

1. Administrations may send reciprocally through the medium of one or more of them, both closed mails and correspondence *à découvert*, according to the needs of the traffic and the requirements of the service.
2. The transmission of correspondence *à découvert* to an intermediate Administration must be strictly limited to cases where the making up of closed mails, either for the country of destination itself or for a country nearer to it, is not justified.

ARTICLE 102.

Exchange in Closed Mails.

1. The exchange of correspondence in closed mails is regulated by mutual consent between the Administrations concerned.
2. The making up of closed mails is obligatory whenever a request to that effect is made by one of the intermediate Administrations on the ground that the amount of correspondence sent *à découvert* is such as to hinder its work.
3. The Administrations through whose services closed mails are to be forwarded must be given suitable notice.
4. In case of alteration in an exchange of closed mails established between two Administrations through the medium of one or more other countries, the Administration of origin of the mail notifies the alteration to the Administrations of these countries.
5. If it is a question of modifying the routing of mails, the new route to be followed must be notified to the Administrations which previously provided the transit service, while particulars of the old route are notified, for information, to the Administrations which will provide this service in future.

ARTICLE 103.

Routing of Mails.

1. Each Administration is bound to forward, by the most rapid routes that it uses for its own mails, closed mails and correspondence *à découvert* which are delivered to it by another Administration.
2. When a mail is composed of several bags, these bags must as far as possible be kept together and be forwarded by the same despatch.