

IV

Ounce Avoirdupois

As an exceptional measure, it is agreed that countries which, by reason of their internal regulations, are unable to adopt the decimal-metric system of weight, are empowered to substitute for it the ounce avoirdupois (28·3465 grammes); taking one ounce as equivalent to 20 grammes for letters, and two ounces as equivalent to 50 grammes for commercial papers, printed papers and small packets.

V

Reply Coupons

Administrations have the right not to undertake the sale of reply coupons.

VI

Registration Fee

Countries which cannot fix at 40 centimes the registration fee prescribed by Article 52, § 2, of the Convention are authorized to charge a fee which may amount to 50 centimes or to the charge fixed for their inland service.

VII

Air Services

The provisions regarding the conveyance of letter mails by air are annexed to the Universal Postal Convention and are considered as forming an integral part of it and of its Detailed Regulations.

But, notwithstanding the general rules of the Convention, the modification of these provisions may be considered from time to time by a Conference composed of the representatives of the Administrations directly concerned.

This Conference may be summoned by the intermediary of the International Bureau at the request of at least three of these Administrations.

The whole of the provisions proposed by this Conference must be submitted, by the intermediary of the International Bureau, to the vote of the countries of the Union. The decision will be taken by a majority vote.

VIII

Special Transit Rates by the Trans-Siberian Railway

In modification of the provisions of Article 73, § 1 (Table), the Postal Administration of the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics is authorized to collect transit rates for the Trans-Siberian Railway for both routes (Manchuria or Vladivostok) at the rate of Fr. 4·50 for L.C. and Fr. 0·50 for A.O. per kilogramme respectively for distances exceeding 6,000 kilometres.

IX

Special Transit Rates for Uruguay

Exceptionally, Uruguay is authorized to collect for all oversea mails landed at Montevideo which it forwards by its own services to countries beyond, the land transit rates prescribed by Article 73 of the Convention, *i.e.*, 75 centimes per kilogramme of letters and post-cards and 10 centimes per kilogramme of other articles.