

ARTICLE 51

Withdrawal of Correspondence. Alteration of Address

1.—The sender of a postal packet can have it withdrawn from the post or have its address altered, so long as the article has not been delivered to the addressee.

2.—The request to this effect is sent by post or by telegraph at the expense of the sender, who must pay, for every request by post, the charge for a registered single-rate letter, and for every request by telegraph, the charge for the telegram.

If the request for withdrawal of correspondence or alteration of address concerns several packets posted simultaneously at the same office by the same sender to the same addressee, the sender pays, for every request by post, the charge for one registered single-rate letter and, for every request by telegraph, the charge for the telegram containing particulars of all the packets in question.

ARTICLE 52

Redirection. Undelivered Correspondence

1.—If the addressee changes his address, the correspondence is redirected to him, unless the sender has forbidden redirection, by means of a note to that effect on the address side of the correspondence, in a language known in the country of destination.

2.—Correspondence which is not delivered must be returned immediately to the country of origin.

3.—The period of retention for correspondence held at the disposal of the addressees or addressed "*poste restante*" is fixed by the rules of the country of destination. This period may not, however, exceed two months as a general rule, except in particular cases when the Administration of destination considers it necessary to prolong the period up to a maximum of four months. The return to the country of origin must take place within a shorter period if the sender has requested it by a note on the address side in a language known in the country of destination.

4.—Printed papers of no value are not returned to origin, unless the sender, by means of a note on the outside of the article, has asked for their return. Registered printed papers must always be returned.

5.—No supplementary postage is charged for the redirection of correspondence from country to country or its return to the country of origin, apart from the exceptions provided for in the Detailed Regulations.

6.—Correspondence which is redirected or which is undeliverable is delivered to the addressees or senders, against payment of the charges raised on departure or arrival or in course of transmission in consequence of redirection after the first transmission, without prejudice to the repayment of customs duty or other special charges which the country of destination does not cancel.

7.—In case of redirection to another country or of non-delivery, the "*poste restante*" fee, the customs clearance fee, the commission fee, the complementary express fee, and the special fee for delivery of small packets to the addressees are cancelled.