

2.—The weight of the closed mails is multiplied by 26 or 13 as the case may be, and the product thus obtained serves as the basis of special accounts determining in francs the yearly payments due to each Administration.

In cases where the multiplier 26 or 13 does not correspond to the normal traffic, the Administrations concerned come to an agreement for the adoption of another multiplier, which holds good during the years to which the statistics apply.

The duty of preparing the accounts devolve on the creditor Administration, which forwards them to the debtor Administration.

3.—In order to take into account the weight of the bags and packing and of the classes of correspondence exempt from all transit charges in accordance with the terms of Article 76 of the Convention, the total amount of the account for closed mails is reduced by 10 per cent.

4.—The detailed accounts are prepared in duplicate on a form identical with Form C 24 annexed, from the statements C 21. They are forwarded to the Administration of origin as soon as possible, and, at the latest, within a period of ten months following the close of the statistical period.

5.—If the Administration which has sent the detailed account has received no notice of amendments within an interval of four months, reckoning from the date of despatch, the account is regarded as fully accepted.

ARTICLE 170

General Annual Liquidation Account. Functions of the International Bureau

1.—In the absence of any understanding to the contrary between the Administrations concerned, the general liquidation account consisting of transit charges, is prepared annually by the International Bureau.

2.—As soon as the detailed accounts between two Administrations are approved or regarded as fully accepted (Article 169, § 5), each of these Administrations forwards without delay to the International Bureau a statement identical with Form C 25 annexed and indicating the total amount of these accounts. On receipt of a statement from an Administration, the International Bureau gives notice of its receipt to the other Administration concerned.

Centimes are ignored in the balance.

In case of difference between the corresponding items furnished by two Administrations, the International Bureau invites them to come to an agreement, and to communicate to it the sums definitely agreed upon.

When one Administration only has furnished the statement C 25, the amounts indicated by this Administration hold good, unless the corresponding statement of the Administration which was in arrear reaches the International Bureau in time for the preparation of the next general annual liquidation account.

In the case provided for in Article 169, § 5, the statements must bear the indication "*Aucune observation de l'Administration débitrice n'est parvenue dans le délai réglementaire.*" (No comment has been received from the debtor Administration within the prescribed period.)

If two Administrations agree between themselves to effect a special settlement, their statements C 25 bear the note "*Compte réglé à part—à titre d'information*" (Account settled separately—for purposes of information), and are not included in the general annual liquidation account.

3.—At the end of each year the International Bureau prepares, on the basis of the statements which it has received up to that time and which are regarded