

ARTICLE 25.

Expenses of the International Bureau.

1. Each Congress fixes the maximum figure for the ordinary annual expenditure of the International Bureau.

These expenses, as well as the special expenditure occasioned by the meetings of a Congress, Conference, or Committee, and the costs which may arise out of special work entrusted to the International Bureau, are borne in common by all the countries of the Union.

2. To this end, the latter are divided into seven classes, each contributing to the payment of the expenses in the following proportion :

1st class	25 units.	5th class	5 units.
2nd	„ 20 „	6th	„ 3 „
3rd	„ 15 „	7th	„ 1 unit.
4th	„ 10 „		

3. In the case of a new adhesion, the Government of the Swiss Confederation settles, by agreement with the Government of the country concerned, the class in which the country is to be placed for the apportionment of the expenses of the International Bureau.

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ARTICLE 26. (See Protocol VIII.)

Freedom of Transit.

1. Freedom of transit is guaranteed throughout the entire territory of the Union.

2. Freedom of transit for postal parcels forwarded by land and sea routes is limited to the territory of the countries taking part in this service.

Insured articles may be forwarded in closed mails through the territory of countries which do not undertake the insured letter and box service or by the sea services in respect of which responsibility for insured articles is not accepted by the countries concerned, but the responsibility of these countries is limited to that prescribed for registered articles.

3. Freedom of transit for air parcels is guaranteed throughout the entire territory of the Union. Nevertheless, Administrations which have not adhered to the Parcel Post Agreement cannot be required to participate in the conveyance, by land and sea routes, of air parcels.

ARTICLE 27.

Prohibition of unauthorised charges.

It is forbidden to impose any postal charge whatever except those prescribed by the Convention and the Agreements.