

ARTICLE 68

Fixing of Responsibility

The payment by the Office of origin of sums duly collected, as well as of the compensation prescribed by Article 65, is made on behalf of the Office of destination. The latter is responsible unless it can prove that the fault is due to a breach of the regulations by the Office of origin.

In the case of fraudulent collection following upon the disappearance in the postal service of a trade charge packet, the responsibility of the Offices concerned is fixed in accordance with the provisions of Article 59 for the loss of an ordinary registered article.

Nevertheless, the responsibility of an intermediate Office which does not participate in the cash on delivery service is limited to that prescribed by Articles 54 and 55 for registered articles.

The other Administrations bear in equal shares the amount not covered by that Administration.

ARTICLE 69

Repayment of Sums Advanced

The Administration of destination is bound to repay to the despatching Administration, under the conditions prescribed by Article 60, the sums which have been advanced on its behalf.

ARTICLE 70

Trade Charge Money Orders and Transfer Notes

1. The amount of a trade charge money order which has not been paid to the payee for any reason whatever is not repaid to the Office of issue. It is held at the disposal of the payee by the Office which despatched the trade charge packet and accrues definitely to that Office after the expiry of the legal period of validity.

In all other respects, and with the reservations prescribed by the Detailed Regulations, trade charge money orders are subject to the provisions of the Agreement concerning the Money Order service.

2. When, for any reason, a transfer note, issued in accordance with the provisions of Article 61, § 3, cannot be carried to the credit of the beneficiary indicated by the sender of the trade charge packet, the amount of this note must be placed, by the Office which has collected it, at the disposal of the Office of origin to be paid to the sender of the packet.

If this payment cannot be effected, the procedure prescribed by § 1 of the present Article is followed.

ARTICLE 71

Division of the Cash on Delivery Charge and Fee

The Administration of origin credits to the Administration of destination, in the conditions prescribed by the Detailed Regulations, a fixed share of 20 centimes for each trade charge packet, plus $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent of the total amount of the trade charge money orders paid.

The charges prescribed by § 3 of Article 61 are wholly retained by the Office which has collected them.