

PART II

GENERAL REGULATIONS

CHAPTER I

ARTICLE 26

Freedom of Transit

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

2.—Freedom of transit for postal parcels 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.

The transit of small packets through the territory of countries which do not accept those articles is optional.

ARTICLE 27

Prohibition of Unauthorised Charges

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

ARTICLE 28

Temporary Suspension of Services

When an Administration finds itself obliged, owing to exceptional circumstances, temporarily to suspend its services, either wholly or in part, it must at once notify the fact, if necessary by telegraph, to the Administration or Administrations concerned.

ARTICLE 29

Monetary Standard

The franc regarded as the monetary unit in the provisions of the Convention and the Agreements is the gold franc of 100 centimes of a weight of $1\frac{1}{31}$ of a gramme and of a fineness of 0.900.

ARTICLE 30

Equivalents

In each country of the Union, postage rates are fixed at the closest possible equivalent of the value of the franc in the currency of the country.