

Maximum Postage Rates

The air mail rates shall be made up of the ordinary rate applicable to each particular class of article and of a surcharge to be fixed by the country of origin which, however, shall not exceed the actual cost incurred by the said country. The said surcharge rates may be rounded to multiples of five where necessary.

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Unit of Weight

1. The unit of weight on which shall be based the air mail rates for all the countries of the Postal Union of the Americas and Spain is hereby fixed at 5 grams or multiples thereof in regard to all articles mentioned in Article I.

2. Countries not using the decimal system may, however, adopt the equivalent closest to 5 grams in conformity with the system of weight used in their internal postal service.

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Marking of Dispatches

Articles conveyed by air mail shall bear a blue label or stamp impression with the words "POR AVION," "BY AIR MAIL," or "PAR AVION," or other similar expression.

The bags or parcels containing air mail shall also bear blue labels and the same words and shall be made, wherever possible, of blue material.

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Prepayment Symbols

1. The postage on air mail may have the form of postage stamps, or be symbolized by the stamped impressions made by a franking machine on the wrapper of the article, or on a special label affixed thereto. It may also be effected by means of a handwritten note showing the amount prepaid, provided the said note bears the seal of the remitting office.

2. The prepayment of the air mail surcharge on correspondence exclusively concerning official postal matters exchanged among the Administrations of the countries of the Postal Union of the Americas and Spain, may be symbolized by means of a handwritten note or a stamped impression showing the amount.

The same procedure shall be applied to correspondence exclusively concerning official or telegraphic matters exchanged among the Post Office and Telegraph Departments of the countries of the Postal Union of the Americas and Spain; this applies to countries where the telegraphic services are also operated by the Government.

3. The said note shall be affixed on the face of the letter and must be certified to by an impression of the date-stamp of the post office of origin.

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Insufficient Prepayment

Insufficiently prepaid articles shall not be forwarded unless the air mail surcharge has been paid in full. Nevertheless, the Administrations of origin may