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Establishment of Rates. Unit of Weight

1. The unit of weight forming the basis of air mail rates for all the countries of the Postal Union of the Americas and Spain is 5 grams or fraction thereof for letters, letter-cards and post-cards.

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

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Special Marking of Dispatches

Articles conveyed by air mail shall be marked with a blue label or stamp impression bearing the words "POR AVION," "BY AIR MAIL," or "PAR AVION."

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

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Prepayment Symbols

1. The postage on air mail may be symbolized by means of handwritten figures representing the amount of postage paid in the currency of the country of origin, or of a label on which the said amount has been printed by means of a stamping machine.

2. The prepayment of the air mail surcharge on official mail dealing with postal matters exclusively and exchanged between 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 surcharge to which each item is subject.

The same privilege shall be extended to official mail dealing exclusively with telegraphic matters and exchanged between the Administrations of the countries of the Postal Union of the Americas and Spain; this applies to the countries whose telegraphic service is operated by the Government.

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.

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Franking Privilege for Official Mail. Exemptions from Postage

The franking privilege accorded contractually by the transportation concerns to official mail shall be uniform for all the Administrations; the latter shall consequently not impose any charge on mail exempt from postage in virtue of the franking privilege extended by the transportation concerns, on the basis of existing agreements.

The aforesaid privileges shall always be granted in all cases where the agreements of the respective countries permit it.