

ARTICLE 31

Payment into Postal Cheque Account

Every packet on which the amount collected has to be paid into a postal cheque account in the country of destination is accompanied, in the absence of arrangements to the contrary, by a transfer note identical with the form prescribed in the inland service of that country. The note must show the holder of the account to be credited and contain all the other details required by the text of the form, except the amount to be credited which will be entered by the Office of destination after collection of the amount of the trade charge. If the transfer note is provided with a coupon, the sender enters on it his name and address, as well as the other details which he considers necessary.

The transfer note is securely attached to the packet.

ARTICLE 32

Conversion of the Amount of Trade Charges

Unless a different arrangement is made, the amount of the trade charge expressed in the money of the country of origin of the packet is converted into the currency of the country of destination by the Administration of that country, which uses the same rate of conversion as it uses for the conversion of money orders drawn on the country of origin of the packets.

ARTICLE 33

Discrepancies Between the Indications of the Amount of the Trade Charge

In case of discrepancy between the indications of the amount of the trade charge appearing on the packet and on the money order, the higher amount must be collected from the addressee.

If the latter refuses to pay this amount, the packet may be delivered, except as provided hereafter, against payment of the lower amount, but subject to the condition that a complementary payment will be made if necessary on receipt of the information which will be supplied by the despatching Office. If the addressee does not accept this condition, delivery of the packet is suspended.

In any case, a request for information is immediately forwarded to the despatching Office, which must answer as soon as possible stating the exact amount of the trade charge.

When the addressee is travelling or has to go away, payment of the higher amount may be required. In case of refusal, the packet is only delivered on receipt of the answer to the request for information.

ARTICLE 34

Period for Payment

The amount of the trade charge must be paid within a period of 7 days, reckoning from the day after that of the arrival of the packet at the office of destination. This period may be extended to one month at most by Administrations whose legislation so requires. On the expiration of the period of retention, the article is sent back to the office of origin. The sender may, however, request by a note, the immediate return of the article if the addressee refuses to pay the amount of the trade charge when the article is first tendered to him.