

## ARTICLE 42

*Correspondence for Delivery Free of Charges*

1. In the relations between those countries which have notified their agreement to that effect the senders may, by means of a previous declaration at the office of despatch, undertake to pay the whole of the postal and non-postal charges which are due to be collected on the delivery of the articles.

In this case, the senders must undertake to pay the amounts which the office of destination may claim, and, if necessary, pay a sufficient deposit.

The Administration which advances the charges on behalf of the sender is authorized to collect for this service a fee not exceeding 50 centimes per article. This fee is independent of that authorized by Article 40 above for customs clearance.

2. Any Administration is entitled to limit the service of delivery free of charges to registered articles.

## ARTICLE 43

*Cancellation of Customs Duty*

Administrations undertake to request their Customs Administrations to cancel the customs duty on articles returned to the country of origin, destroyed owing to the complete damage of the contents or redirected to a third country.

## ARTICLE 44

*Express Packets*

1. Correspondence is, at the request of the senders, sent out for delivery by special messenger immediately after arrival, in the countries of which the Administrations agree to undertake this service in their reciprocal relations.

2. Such correspondence, which is called "express," is subject, in addition to the ordinary postage, to a special charge amounting as a minimum to double the postage on a single-rate ordinary letter and as a maximum to one franc. This charge must be fully paid in advance by the sender.

3. When the addressee's house is situated outside the local delivery zone of the office of destination, a complementary charge not exceeding that prescribed in the inland service may be collected for express delivery.

In this case, however, express delivery is not obligatory.

4. Express packets, upon which the total amount of the charges payable in advance has not been fully prepaid, are delivered by the ordinary means, unless they have been treated as express by the office of origin. In the latter case they are taxed according to the provisions of Article 35.

## ARTICLE 45

*Prohibitions*

1. It is forbidden to send by post

- (a) articles which, from their nature or by their packing, may expose postal officials to danger, or soil or damage correspondence;
- (b) explosive, inflammable, or dangerous substances;
- (c) living animals, except bees, leeches and silk-worms;
- (d) articles liable to Customs duty, apart from the exceptions laid down in Article 38, as well as samples sent in quantities with the intention of avoiding the payment of this duty.