

ARTICLE 81

Payment

Payment of the sums due, under a settlement account, from one Office to another, must be made as soon as possible and at the latest a fortnight after receipt of the settlement account by the debtor Office. As regards other conditions of payment the provisions of § 1 of Article 66 are applicable. The provisions of § 2 of that Article are applicable to cases of non-payment of the balance within the fixed period.

Debit or credit balances not exceeding 500 francs may be carried forward to the settlement of the following month, provided, however, that the Offices concerned are in monthly communication with the International Bureau. The amount brought forward is entered in the summaries and in the settlement accounts for the creditor and debtor Offices. In such a case, the debtor Office forwards to the creditor Office an acknowledgment of the sum due, to be carried into the next statement.

ARTICLE 82

Communications to be addressed to the International Bureau

1. Administrations must in particular communicate to each other through the medium of the International Bureau:

(a) particulars of the surtaxes which, by virtue of Articles 38 and 73 of the Convention, they collect to cover the cost of extraordinary services, as well as a list of the countries in respect of which these surtaxes are collected, and, if necessary, particulars of the services in which surtaxes are due;

(b) three complete sets of their postage stamps and of impressions of their franking machines, with an indication of the date on which postage stamps of previous issues cease to be valid;

(c) their decision whether they avail themselves of the option to apply or not certain general provisions of the Convention and of the Regulations;

(d) the reduced rates which they have adopted by virtue of Article 5 of the Convention, and a statement of the services to which these rates are applicable;

(e) a list of the post offices which they maintain in countries outside the Union;

(f) a list of articles prohibited from importation or from transit and of those of which the transmission is admitted conditionally in their respective services;

(g) a list of all the lines of Packets leaving their ports which are used for the conveyance of mails, indicating the routes, the distance and the duration of the voyage between the ports of call, the frequency of the service, and the countries to which the rates for sea transit must be paid if the Packets are used;

(h) their telegraphic addresses;

(i) notice whether they admit articles liable to Customs duty in packets prepaid at the letter rate.

2. Every modification subsequently introduced, in regard to one or other of the points above-mentioned, must be notified without delay.

3. Administrations must furnish the International Bureau with two copies of all the documents which they publish, whether relating to the inland service or to the international service.

ARTICLE 83

List of Countries outside the Union

Offices of the Union which have relations with countries outside the Union furnish to the other Offices a list of those countries. This list includes the following particulars:

(a) rates for sea or land transit applicable to conveyance outside the limits of the Union;

(b) the kind of correspondence admitted;

(c) whether prepayment is compulsory or optional;

(d) the point, for each class of correspondence, to which the postage prepaid is valid (to destination, to port or disembarkation, etc.);

(e) extent of pecuniary responsibility as regards registered articles;

(f) whether advices of delivery are obtainable or not; and

(g) the rates of postage from the country outside the Union to the countries of the Union.

ARTICLE 84

General Statistics

1. The International Bureau compiles general statistics for each year.

To this end, Administrations send to it a series as complete as possible of statistical returns in tabular form to be compiled in accordance with the annexed forms R and S. Table R is forwarded at the end of the month of July in each year; but the particulars