

## ARTICLE 44.

*Customs duty and other non-postal charges.*

Administrations are authorized to collect from the addressees the customs duty and any other non-postal charges which may be due.

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*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.

2. The Administration of the country of destination is authorized to collect a fee not exceeding 40 centimes per article. This fee is independent of that authorized by Article 43.

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

## ARTICLE 46.

*Cancellation of Customs duty and other non-postal charges.*

Administrations undertake to request the appropriate services in their country to cancel the customs duty and other non-postal charges on articles returned to the country of origin, destroyed owing to the complete damage of the contents or redirected to a third country.

## ARTICLE 47.

*Express Articles.*

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.

2. Such correspondence, which is called "express," is subject, in addition to the ordinary postage, to a special charge which may not be less than the amount of the postage on a single-rate ordinary letter and not more than 60 centimes. This charge must be fully paid in advance.

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 for similar correspondence in the inland service may be collected, by the Administration of destination, 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 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 38.

5. Administrations are not obliged to make more than one attempt to deliver correspondence by express. If this attempt is unsuccessful, the article may be treated as an ordinary article.