

ARTICLE 4

Rates of Postage and General Conditions for the Acceptance of Air Mail Correspondence

1.—Articles for transmission by Air Mail are prepaid, in addition to the ordinary postal charges, with a special Air Mail fee, the amount of which is fixed by the Administration of the country of origin.

2.—In the services which are considered as ordinary services (article 12, § 10, hereafter) this fee must not exceed 15 centimes per 20 grammes per 1,000 kilometres of air conveyance; for post-cards and money orders the maximum fee is 15 centimes for each article per 1,000 kilometres of air conveyance.

Uniform fees must be fixed for the whole of the territory of the country of destination, whatever route is used.

In the services between European countries the maximum fee is 15 centimes per 20 grammes, irrespective of distance.

3.—The fees on Air Mail correspondence conveyed by extraordinary services (Article 12, § 11 hereafter) are fixed with regard to the extraordinary expenditure which the use of these services occasions.

4.—For articles other than letters, post-cards, money orders, and accounts for collection, the fees collected in accordance with the provisions of §§ 2 and 3 may be reduced to $\frac{1}{3}$ th as a minimum.

5.—Administrations have the option of charging no special fee for transmission by air, provided that information is given to the country of destination and previous agreement is reached with the transit countries.

6.—The fees must be paid before despatch.

7.—The fee for a reply-paid post-card is collected for each half separately at the point of departure of each of these halves.

8.—Air Mail correspondence is prepaid in the manner laid down in Article 47 of the Convention. However, without regard to the class of correspondence, the prepayment may be represented by a manuscript note, in figures, of the amount collected, expressed in the currency of the country of origin in the form:

“*Taxe perçue: Fr. c.*” (Amount collected: Fr. c.).

This indication may appear either in a special stamp impression or on an adhesive stamp or special label, or simply be inscribed on the address side of the article by any method whatever. In all cases the indication must be supported by an impression of the date-stamp of the office of origin.

ARTICLE 5

Unpaid or Insufficiently Prepaid Air Mail Correspondence

1.—In the case of entire absence of prepayment, Air Mail correspondence is treated in conformity with the provisions of Articles 35 and 36 of the Convention. Articles on which the prepayment of postage is not compulsory before despatch are transmitted by ordinary routes.

2.—In the case of insufficient prepayment, Air Mail correspondence is transmitted by Air Mail if the charges prepaid represent at least the amount of the Air Mail fee. Administrations of origin have the option of forwarding this correspondence by air when the charges prepaid represent 25 per cent at least of the amount of the Air Mail fee.

The provisions of Article 36 of the Convention apply as regards the collection of postal charges not prepaid at the time of despatch.